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Rizwan Ali is the Director of the National Security Research Center (NSRC), the Lab’s classified library. As the Director, he sets the strategic direction for one of the largest libraries in the United States.

Riz came to the Lab in 2018 as a Group Leader, overseeing staff who managed many of the Lab’s digital archives. Shortly after arriving, he worked with the Associate Lab Director for Weapons Physics and others to help lead the standup of the NSRC. This 18-month effort on behalf of 40-some staff members resulted in the merging of the Lab’s millions of digital and physical archives, and structuring a facility to become an active, dynamic research library.

He brings with him 30-plus years of military, national security, cyber security, nuclear weapons, and engineering experience. He is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, whose career included commanding multiple, large units in the United States and in combat zones. He has extensive international work experience with NATO and U.S. partners in the Middle East and Africa.

Riz has a bachelor’s degree in engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology; a master’s degree in public administration from Troy University; a master’s degree in military history from Air University; and a master’s degree in international relations from National Defense University.

He has authored articles that have been published in *Joint Force Quarterly*, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, and *The Three Swords Magazine*, as well as white papers, reports, and strategy documents.

Riz also sits on the boards of the LANL Research Library and the Los Alamos County Public Library.

